



The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) plays a critical role in connecting Americans and communities to economic opportunity. Transportation infrastructure choices made at the Federal, State, and local levels can strengthen communities, create pathways to jobs, and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

The **OPPORTUNITIES AGENDA** empowers transportation leaders, grantees and communities to revitalize, connect, and create workforce opportunities to lift more Americans into the middle class through initiatives, program guidance, tools and standards.

REVITALIZE: Transportation infrastructure can have a dramatic impact on neighborhoods and regions by creating better access and attracting new opportunities within an area. It can provide support for urban and rural main street centers and attract more business and residential developments designed to bring everyone closer to opportunities where they live.

CONNECT: A multimodal transportation system provides people with safe, reliable and affordable connections to employment, education, healthcare and other critical services.

WORK: Transportation projects create jobs, both through the project directly as well as in jobs stimulated through the resulting economic development.

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PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Support transportation projects that connect people to opportunity and invigorate opportunity within communities.
- Ensure that current and future transportation projects connect and strengthen communities, including areas that have, in the past, been on the wrong side of transportation decisions.
- Transportation facilities should meaningfully reflect and incorporate the input of all the people and communities they touch.

GOALS

- **Empower** communities to have a meaningful voice in transportation decisions.
- **Institutionalize** “best practices” internally and externally across DOT programs
- **Sharpens** enforcement tools to ensure compliance with opportunity-enhancing regulations

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Strengthen Guidance and Standards
- Create Pathways to Jobs and Economic Opportunity
- Elevate Best Practices and Build Capacity to implement
- Improves access to federally funded programs and projects